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WASHINGTON, March 27, 1986 -- Orders for new and rebuilt freight cars in February totaled 1,475, compared with 500 in January and 650 in February 1985, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders placed in the first two months of this year totaled 1,975, compared with 1,053 a year ago. Of the orders placed in February, 50 were for cars to be rebuilt.

A total of 544 cars were put in service in February, compared with 443 in January and 830 in February of last year. So far this year, 987 cars have been delivered, compared with 2,053 a year ago.

As of March 1, a total of 2,747 cars were on order but undelivered, compared with 1,816 on February 1, and 3,954 on March 1, 1985. The average monthly backlog so far in 1986 is 2,282, compared with 4,044 at the same time a year ago.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 10 locomotives were placed in service in February, compared with 11 in January and 26 in February 1985.

As of March 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 224, compared with 147 on February 1, and 237 on March 1, 1985.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on March 1 was 22,591, compared with 22,667 on February 1, and 23,878 on March 1 of last year.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	February		January	Two Months	
	1986	1985	1985	1986	1985
Built New by Car Builders	544	830	443	987	1,717
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	336
Built New - Total	544	830	443	987	2,053
Rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	544	830	443	987	2,053
Locomotives	10	26	11	21	49

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,425	650	500	1,925	1,053
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	1,425	650	500	1,925	1,053
To be rebuilt	50	0	0	50	0
TOTAL ORDERED	1,475	650	500	1,975	1,053

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	March 1		February 1	Average	
	1986	1985	1986	1986	1985
To be built New by Car Builders	2,697	3,884	1,816	2,257	3,974
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	70	0	0	70
To be built New - Total	2,697	3,954	1,816	2,257	4,044
To be rebuilt	50	0	0	25	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	2,747	3,954	1,816	2,282	4,044
Locomotives	224	237	147	186	244

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